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<i>Application Number</i>	10/067,594
<i>Filing Date</i>	February 5, 2002
<i>First Named Inventor</i>	Falone et al.
<i>Art Unit</i>	3711
<i>Examiner Name</i>	Graham, Mark S.
<i>Attorney Docket Number</i>	IGC-PT002

This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 CFR 1.114 of the above-identified application. Request for Continued Examination (RCE) practice under 37 CFR 1.114 does not apply to any utility or plant application filed prior to June 8, 1995, or to any design application. See Instruction Sheet for RCEs (not to be submitted to the USPTO) on page 2.

1. **Submission required under 37 CFR 1.114** Note: If the RCE is proper, any previously filed unentered amendments and amendments enclosed with the RCE will be entered in the order in which they were filed unless applicant instructs otherwise. If applicant does not wish to have any previously filed unentered amendment(s) entered, applicant must request non-entry of such amendment(s).

a. Previously submitted. If a final Office action is outstanding, any amendments filed after the final Office action may be considered as a submission even if this box is not checked.

i. Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Rely Brief previously filed on _____
ii. Other _____

b. Enclosed

i. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Amendment/Reply	iii. <input type="checkbox"/> Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)
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2. **Miscellaneous**

a. Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 CFR 1.103(c) for a period of _____ months. (Period of suspension shall not exceed 3 months; Fee under 37 CFR 1.17(i) required)

b. Other _____

3. **Fees** The RCE fee under 37 CFR 1.17(e) is required by 37 CFR 1.114 when the RCE is filed.

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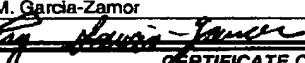
i. RCE fee required under 37 CFR 1.17(e)
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iii. Other _____

b. Check in the amount of \$ _____ enclosed

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Name (Print/Type)	Ruy M. Garcia-Zamor	Registration No. (Attorney/Agent)	44,117
Signature		Date	June 28, 2004

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FEE TRANSMITTAL for FY 2004

Effective 10/01/2003. Patent fees are subject to annual revision.

 Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27

TOTAL AMOUNT OF PAYMENT (\$ 428.00)

Complete if Known	
Application Number	10/067,594
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Examiner Name	Graham, Mark S.
Art Unit	3711
Attorney Docket No.	IGC-PT002

METHOD OF PAYMENT (check all that apply)

 Check Credit card Money Order Other None
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Deposit Account Number	22-0493
Deposit Account Name	Volpe and Koenig, P.C.

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FEE CALCULATION

1. BASIC FILING FEE

Large Entity	Small Entity	Fee Code (\$)	Fee Code (\$)	Fee Description	Fee Paid
1001 770	2001 385	Utility filing fee			
1002 340	2002 170	Design filing fee			
1003 530	2003 265	Plant filing fee			
1004 770	2004 385	Reissue filing fee			
1005 180	2005 80	Provisional filing fee			
SUBTOTAL (1) (\$)					

2. EXTRA CLAIM FEES FOR UTILITY AND REISSUE

Total Claims	26	- 28	= 0	x 9	= 0	Fee from below	Fee Paid
Independent Claims	5	- 4	= 1	x 43	= 43		
Multiple Dependent							

Large Entity	Small Entity	Fee Description
1202 18	2202 9	Claims in excess of 20
1201 86	2201 43	Independent claims in excess of 3
1203 290	2203 145	Multiple dependent claim, if not paid
1204 86	2204 43	" Reissue independent claims over original patent
1205 18	2205 9	" Reissue claims in excess of 20 and over original patent
SUBTOTAL (2) (\$ 43.00)		

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3. ADDITIONAL FEES

Large Entity	Small Entity	Fee Description	Fee Paid
1051 130	2051 65	Surcharge - late filing fee or oath	
1052 50	2052 25	Surcharge - late provisional filing fee or cover sheet	
1053 130	1053 130	Non-English specification	
1812 2,520	1812 2,520	For filing a request for ex parte reexamination	
1804 920*	1804 920*	Requesting publication of SIR prior to Examiner action	
1805 1,840*	1805 1,840*	Requesting publication of SIR after Examiner action	
1251 110	2251 55	Extension for reply within first month	
1252 420	2252 210	Extension for reply within second month	
1253 950	2253 475	Extension for reply within third month	
1254 1,480	2254 740	Extension for reply within fourth month	
1255 2,010	2255 1,005	Extension for reply within fifth month	
1401 330	2401 165	Notice of Appeal	
1402 330	2402 165	Filing a brief in support of an appeal	
1403 290	2403 145	Request for oral hearing	
1451 1,510	1451 1,510	Petition to institute a public use proceeding	
1452 110	2452 55	Petition to revive - unavoidable	
1453 1,330	2453 665	Petition to revive - unintentional	
1501 1,330	2501 665	Utility Issue fee (or reissue)	
1502 480	2502 240	Design Issue fee	
1503 840	2503 320	Plant Issue fee	
1460 130	1460 130	Petitions to the Commissioner	
1807 50	1807 50	Processing fee under 37 CFR 1.17(q)	
1808 180	1808 180	Submission of Information Disclosure Stmt	
8021 40	8021 40	Recording each patent assignment per property (times number of properties)	
1809 770	2809 385	Filing a submission after final rejection (37 CFR 1.129(a))	
1810 770	2810 385	For each additional Invention to be examined (37 CFR 1.129(b))	
1801 770	2801 385	Request for Continued Examination (RCE)	385.00
1802 900	1802 900	Request for expedited examination of a design application	

Other fee (specify) _____

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In the **PATENT APPLICATION** of:

Falone et al.

Application No.: 10/067,594**Our File:** IGC-PT002**Confirmation No.:** 5901**Date:** June 28, 2004**Filed:** February 5, 2002**For:** STING MINIMIZING GRIP FOR A
HAND HELD SWINGING ATHLETIC
CONTACT MAKING ARTICLE**Group:** 3711**Examiner:** Graham, Mark S.**AMENDMENT PURSUANT TO 37 C.F.R. § 1.111
FILED WITH REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION**

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Sir:

A Request for Continued Examination is respectfully submitted herewith. The following Amendment and Remarks and Request for Continued Examination are respectfully submitted in response to the Communication, mailed May 28, 2004, for the above-identified application. Entry of the following Amendment and Remarks, without prejudice or disclaimer, is respectfully requested.